



Private Fostering Annual Plan
March 2017-18

Recommendation	Action	Timescale	Responsible Officer
Continue to raise awareness of Private Fostering within partner agencies and wider community	Fulfil the Communication and Engagement Plan	Ongoing with particular focus in Private Fostering Week 2018	Sophie Baker – Practice Development Officer and Private Fostering Champions
Embed Area Operational Arrangements Regarding Private Fostering	<p>Private Fostering Arrangement Assessment Record form to be reviewed, bringing it in line with Signs of Safety and introducing 'help text' to aid the social worker to consider whether the child may be a Child In Need and to direct a clearer focus on the needs of the child being placed/carers ability to meet those needs</p> <p>Private Fostering Arrangement Assessments to be allocated in a similar way to all other children referred/notified to SCS (the disbandment of nominated teams)</p> <p>Private Fostering Champion role to remain with a reviewed description of their expected responsibilities within their Area</p> <p>Private Fostering County Meetings to continue tri-monthly with inclusion of a greater focus on</p>	<p>By Dec 2017</p> <p>By October 2017</p> <p>By October 2017</p> <p>Ongoing – mapping to begin Wednesday 20 September 2017</p>	Sophie Baker – Practice Development Officer and Private Fostering Champions

	<p>quality assurance by regular Area case mappings of cases</p> <p>Existing guidance to be further enhanced to focus more carefully on the potential vulnerability of privately fostered children, expectations around quality and expected content of PFAAR's, as well as to explicitly signpost support from PF Champions</p> <p>For private fostering arrangement assessments to be updated as part of the annual review process – further investigation as to whether this is compatible with Liberi would be necessary.</p> <p>For private fostering arrangement assessments to be updated as part of the annual review process - further investigation as to whether this is compatible with Liberi would be necessary.</p> <p>An online training package to be designed to support social workers in the assessment and support of privately fostered children</p>	<p>By October 2017</p> <p>Further investigation by September 2017, implementation following these discussions</p> <p>Further investigation by September 2017, implementation following these discussions</p> <p>By January 2018</p>	
Ongoing practice monitoring	Private fostering cases to begin to be audited in the monthly online auditing process in line with other children receiving a social work	By February 2018	

	service Ongoing MIU support to identify visits and assessments that are soon due	Ongoing	
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The Director of Specialist Children's Services and Kent Safeguarding Children Board are asked to note the annual report and plan.

Sophie Baker

Practice Development Officer – Private Fostering County Lead, Safeguarding Unit, 08.08.2017